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Equality



Campaign Fever Hits

The biennial spring fever has hit town and the face of the city has reacted by breaking out with candidates. With 18 candidates having declared for the three seats on the City Council which will be at stake in the April 14 municipal elections, the 1964 campaigns are off to a lively start.

Signs are beginning to appear along the city's streets and on homes, garages, and office buildings touting the election or re-election of certain candidates.

With so many in the field, it may seem like a difficult task to select three from the list, but it really shouldn't be so difficult for many Torrance voters. Three of the candidates have been in office for periods ranging up to 14 years; several others have sought the office before, waging vigorous campaigns in the city, and others on the list are active community leaders who have been associated in a number of civic programs.

Candidates who may not be generally known to the public number only a few on the list of 18, and they should become much better known in the next six weeks.

While the candidates will be busy soliciting support, part of the weight of the coming campaign should be borne by each man and woman eligible to vote in the city elections. It should be the duty of each eligible voter to find out as much as possible about the candidates and make a selection based on what will be the best for the city of Torrance.

Eighteen candidates make a long ballot, but the ballot two years ago had 20 council candidates and nine more seeking election as mayor, so the 1964 ballot is slightly better. It's a step in the right direction.

Making Dollars Count

Huge funds Americans raise each year for voluntary health and welfare services attest our generosity. We assume—we want to believe—that every dollar hits its mark. But unless our money is sensibly spent, our noble motives are profaned.

There's reassurance, however, in the methods used by United Way, the new county-wide organization of 33 former Community Chests and funds covering 300 services in 155 communities in Los Angeles County.

Torrance lies in one of 13 United Way areas; and the 13 areas comprise most of the county. Representatives from all 13 areas make up a general committee to set budget policies for the United Way. Other committees with representatives from every area, review county wide health and welfare services. Within each area, representatives budget services for that area alone. Representatives volunteering on a community level may review services pertaining to only their community.

This method, which requires the time and talent of some 400 volunteers—is just about as representative as you can get. But we feel that it is the right way for it provides a way for you and I—as givers—to follow through and be sure that our money is spent the way we want it spent.

Opinions of Others

There has been much controversy as to how states which have enacted right-to-work laws compare economically with those which have not. Expert manipulators of statistics can make a case for either side of this controversy, and can thus confuse voters. . . . The important thing, we believe, is the direction we are heading with regard to the preservation of freedom. And Wyoming's right-to-work law is a step in the right direction. It should be defended by all who believe in constitutional freedom and basic rights of the individual. —Afton (Wyo.) Independent

On the New York Stock Exchange tobacco issues have gone down somewhat. But in many areas cigarette sales have gone up. Apparently some chain smokers were afraid that their favorite commodity might be taken off the market. —Ontario (Calif.) Report

FROM THE MAILBOX

Lack of Police Patrols Flayed

Editor, Torrance Herald
The music store on El Prado was broken into again—the third time in about a month. The owners, in despair, are moving out. Wouldn't an article on lack of police protection in downtown Torrance be in order? I know of no other city with their police station in a semi-outside area, away from the heart of the city.

We, here, should be entitled to some "whys!"
W. W. McCann
1327 El Prado

Editor, Torrance Herald
It seems that the only subject worth talking about among you editors is the prayers and public school issue. You are wondering what George Washington would say about his country at the same time making up some cock and bull story that

George Washington's inaugural prayer will be answered in full.

I ask you, did you ever see or hear of a prayer answered in any way, shape, or form and can prove it?

In the near future, we are again going to be smothered with propaganda over the air and in the press on the issue of prayer and Bible reading in our public schools while our kids try to get the best education they can, while some vote down public school bonds and even hate our public school system. Now is the time for all good American citizens to come to the defense of the Constitution, the decision of our Supreme Court, and our public schools. I have over a hundred reasons for getting back of our public schools.

Glenn Benedict
437 W. Carson St.

Some places to go that don't cost a fortune in the summer. . . .
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ROYCE BRIER

Everything's Beautiful Committee Handed Upset

The fixed idea that one batch of Vietnamese professing anti-communism is better than another batch professing communism, is a delusion that dies hard.

But the shenanigans of the past couple of years around Saigon leave little doubt it's a delusion. They strongly suggest that here is a politically primitive people, lacking substantial concept of social organization or promise of attaining it, incapable of heaving to a principle or acting for the common good. The peasants and foot soldiers dying in the rice paddies are mere pawns in the Saigon scramble for power.

The whole miserable history of our involvement seems to warrant no more auspicious diagnosis than this. Nor is our own record better than official concealment of a mess, a running record of equivocation because we were stuck with a situation and feared to lose face.

We started with the naive

faith that in a jungle anti-Communists are good guys and Communists bad guys, though neither knows Marxian doctrine from a hot rock.

We were going to help the good guys with advice and money, and we put forth the grandiose theme that if we didn't all Asia would go Red. But the ranking good guys expended little energy saving Asia, and much conspiring power and loot. Their ineptitude, and their indifference to our noble aims for them, were monumental, and the bad guys, the Vietnamese guerrillas trounced them for years on end.

Meanwhile, Washington and the brass in the field, said everything was beautiful, and it would soon be over. But news from the site said nothing was beautiful, except prospects for the Vietcong. This annoyed Washington and the brass, because even from 7,000 miles the American people began believing the news-

So they knocked off the Diem-Nhu mob, and a junta took over headed by a General Minh (but never mind many names or much detail).

Now, said Washington, all systems go! Nothing went. M. de Gaulle told the Vietnamese the Americans were interlopers, and Vietnam ought to be "neutral." From old Indochina days, French influence remained profound. So profound, a new mob of generals took Minh and his mob without a shot fired, saying the Minh mob was infected with neutralism. Surprised us no end, but we're used to it. So here we go again! True, Defense Secretary McNamara seemed to sense something, said things were not looking good in South Vietnam, confirming what newsmen had been saying for two years, only to bring pain to Washington.

The simple reality is we are clobbered good, and victory is only possible at a preposterous cost.

STAN DELAPLANE

Some Tips for Summer Vacations

"Do you know of any tours by bus in Europe?"

I don't have an address with me. But ask the Long Distance operator for New York information (free). See if there's a listing for Linjibus. This Scandinavian bus line has excellent and cheap tours in Europe.

Another is CIAT, the Italian line. The British run some lines too. And, actually, for no fee, any travel agent should give you folders on all of these. Book you and make all arrangements. (His money comes from a commission on the air fares and the bus lines.)

"If you drive to New York and go by ship to Europe, where can we leave our car?"

Several New York garages specialize in this. (Again I don't have the address with me.) The shipping line will know and can tell you.

"A typically British hotel in London please?"

Brown's is most famous. Just off Piccadilly. Little lower. Just off Piccadilly. Little lower priced and more modest is Rembrandt near Kennington—10 minutes by taxi from Piccadilly.

"Some places to go that don't cost a fortune in the summer. . . ."

Mexico's pretty good. If you stay off the Mexico City-Acapulco tourist route. (And compared to U.S. resorts, it's not

too bad even there.) From the east, there's a train that you can pick up from Chihuahua (or above the border) that takes you AND your car over to Topolobampo on the West Coast for very little. Westerners can drive it direct from Nogales, Arizona.

Summer is the time when Caribbean rates are half or less. Try Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Low air fares from New York. And West Coast people don't pay too much considering the lower cost of hotels. Delta is the direct line via New Orleans.

Hawaii in the Outer Islands is not expensive. You should book into one of the big hotels and wander around and shop back streets for something half the price.

If you want to go plush: Hanalei Plantation House on Kauai is in a valley and the beach looks like the South Seas of your dreams. Cottages. Not too stiff at \$50 per day for two when you consider this includes ALL of your meals.

On Maui, the Sheraton-Maui runs \$47.50 per day for two with meals. Some 2½ miles of the best swimming beach in the world with 70-degree water. Practically all to yourself. Royal Lahaina golf course at your back.

These are NOT places for two single girls or single men. The action is at Waikiki. You may be boxed in by people on the crowded beach. But there ought to be ONE of them you like.

Grand Teton National Park

Two Authors Take a Peek At Your Loss of Privacy

One of those unpredictable publishing coincidences occurs again. Two authors with a single idea researched and wrote their books over a period of years, neither aware the other was engaged on a similar project. The idea is a good one: the "inside story," as advertisements put it, of the erosion of privacy in America. Action by credit bureaus; Government investigations; insurance company practices; market researching that pries into your every habit; hidden microphones, other professional snooping that is mak-

ing America a nation of spies. The subject seems big enough for two books. Both, in any event, will appear within days of one another in March. They are "The Privacy Invaders," by Myron Brenton, a former detective and insurance investigator (Coward-McCann). And "The Naked Society," by Vance Packard, author of "The Hidden Persuaders" and other works of popular sociology (McKay).

Coward-McCann throws itself on everybody's mercy. "As you undoubtedly know," a promotional piece starts in part, "Vance Packard's new book has been announced. . . . Although Myron Brenton's first book and his name obviously can't compete with Packard's, we believe that he is especially well qualified to deal with the subject of professional snooping in what he calls 'The Goldfish Age' . . ."

McKay is simply ignoring its competitor's title. It states confidently to the book trade that Vance Packard's work will appear in a first printing of 75,000 copies.

Both authors, apparently appalled at the recent assault

on the average citizen's privacy, take on this trend toward Big Brotherism. Both tell us what we can do about it.

Item from the Brento book: A story of the 2,300 credit bureaus belonging to Associated Credit Bureaus of America has files on 65 million Americans; how credit reports are flagrantly abused, or released to clients who have nothing to do with extending credit; how your bank, landlord, and neighbors cooperate, sometimes unwittingly, with credit bureaus in an investigation of your background and character.

Some of the chapter headings in Packard's book: How Safe Is Thy Castle? Are We Conditioning Students to Police State Tactics? The Right to Be Free of Police Mistreatment. The Right to Be Free of Bureaucratic Harassment. The Watch Over Teachers. The Unlisted Price of Financial Protection.

With an Orwellian "1984" closing in on us sooner than we suspected, be aware of both of these titles when they appear.

Cuff Notes

Pretzels were developed by a monk from northern Italy around 610 A.D. who twisted dough left over from monastery bread baking into little figures representing children, with arms folded in prayer. He awarded them to youngsters who learned their catechism and called them pretzola, the Latin word for little reward. . . . The first printed cookbook appeared in Italy in 1474. . . .

The first known combat use of motor vehicles by American forces took place during the punitive action on the Mexican border in May, 1916. . . . General George S. Patton, then a cavalry Lieutenant, used three touring cars to rout a party of Pancho Villa's bandits. . . .

Babies born today total a higher life expectancy than any other period—the rate is now at 70.2 years, representing a 3.5 year gain over the past 10 years. . . . Since prehistoric times, some 600,000 years ago, 77 billion people have been born. . . .

The shortest place-names in the world are the French village of Y (population 143), so named since 1241 and A, a Norwegian village.

Quote

"A true conservative is dedicated to the airing of both sides and choosing between them for the reconciliation of progress and precedent." —Burton Worrell Jr., U.C. at Santa Barbara.

Our Man Hoppe

Foreign Policy 'On the Rocks'

Art Hoppe

Worry, worry, worry. Cuba, Panama, Vietnam, Mr. de Gaulle. Everybody's pushing us around. No wonder millions of Americans are asking themselves at this very minute: "Why don't we have one simple, clear, concise foreign policy designed to meet the peril-fraught crises our nation daily faces?"

Well, we do. Our State Department policy makers in Washington have now issued one simple, clear, concise General Order to every harried American diplomat in the whole, wide, tersion-ridden world:

Drink more bourbon!

If you ask me, bourbon is a highly effective solution. And caps off to our State Department. But the lion's share of the credit must go to Vice Admiral W. J. Marshall, USN (retired). Who happens to be president of The Bourbon Institute.

In a letter to Mr. Dean Rusk last Jan. 6, Admiral Marshall said he was shocked to learn our Ambassador to Norway had given away 40 cases of whiskey as Christmas gifts. At taxpayers' expense. And what shocked the Admiral, of course, was that it was Scotch whiskey!

Worse, wrote the Admiral, "I heard several reports of Fourth of July parties held at our French Embassy some time ago where United States bourbon was not available at all. . . . This, at Fourth of July celebrations!"

Indeed! It smacks of treason. Moreover, the Admiral subtly put his finger on what's been gravely lacking in those who represent us to the world: good, hard-hitting, 100-per cent American bourbon.

Take Panama. Would a tiny little nation like that thumb its nose at us if our diplomats were on the sauce? Of course not. It would try to pacify us. That's what you always do with drunks who are bigger than you. Or take Mr. Castro. Would he dare cut off the branch water to Guantanamo if it meant our trigger-ready troops would henceforth be downing their bourbon neat? Nonsense.

Best of all, can you imagine Mr. de Gaulle or even Mr. Khrushchev standing up to our President? If our President was intoxicated? And could push The Button any old time? Talk about nuclear credibility. Yes, sir, what we need in the White House to win the Cold War overnight is a good, belligerent drunk.

So I'm proud to say our State Department reacted swiftly and dispatched copies of the Admiral's letter, plus General Order (No. CA-7820) o "All Diplomatic and Consular Posts." Naturally, the order didn't say "drink more bourbon" in so many words. That wouldn't be diplomatic. What it said was: "The Department recommends that, in general, preference be given to American products whenever possible." But it's the same thing. And I'm sure such a foreign policy will make millions of Americans happy.

And now, if you'll excuse me, I'll step out to the kitchen for a refill. I'm trying to do my part to win the Cold War. But it's hard. I keep thinking that you can equate a popular foreign policy these days with belligerent drunkenness. And that's a very sobering thought.

Morning Report:

We don't have to worry about the big countries these days. If Russia gets too tough, all we do is push the button.

It's the small outfits that are causing us trouble. Panama wants to tear up a treaty. Ghana turns out our professors. And then Cuba turns off our water. None of these tragedies is a national peril, but they are not exactly valentines, either.

In fact, we are fit to be tied. And, worse than that, we are tied. Senator Goldwater notwithstanding, it's too late to use the Marines as Caribbean plumbers in Cuba. It's too soon to use more modern weapons.

Abe Mellinkoff

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